

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 14-17, 25, 29, 38, 44-61, 65-95, 97-105, and 108-109 remain pending after this amendment.

The objections of the examiner have been addressed and his suggestions implemented with appreciation. Specifically, the plural of the word “formula” is now spelled “formulae” throughout the claims. Regarding the period ending Claim 2, it can be seen underlined in the amendment filed 12 January 2009 below and to the right of the diagram for formula II. In this amendment it is shown in a larger font to make it more visible.

In Claim 2 the values for variables shown in the formulae are now have a defined range. Specifically, the variables m, n, and p are now each defined as being a bridging group of 3 to 12 carbons. Those skilled in the art will recognize that this language clearly specifies whether a particular molecule falls within the definition. Support for this language can be found in the original abstract and claims.

Regarding Claim 3 the acceptable values for the variables appearing in formula III have been moved up to just after the diagram of that formula to more clearly convey those values. Specifically, the variables m, n, p, and X_1 and X_2 are now defined immediately after the diagram of formula III. Because the values R_1 through R_4 appear in both formula III and formula IV, the definition of R_1 through R_6 has been kept after the diagram for formula IV. Where the variable X is used without a subscript as in the definitions of R_1 through R_6 , it seems clearer to again state its definition at the end of the claim.

Applicants submit that the specification complies with 35 USC 112 paragraph 1 and the language of the claims as amended complies with 35 USC 112 paragraph 2. Those skilled in the art will readily appreciate and understand how to make and use the invention by reading

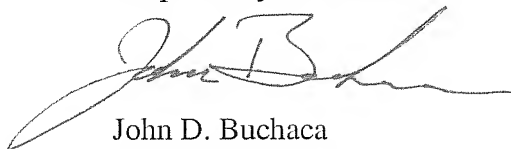
the specification; and the claims as amended distinctly specify that invention in the context of the present application.

Applicant reserves the right to further prosecute any cancelled claims or any other broad claims supported by the original disclosure in continuing applications.

In view of the above, allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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